



“The Breastplate Of Righteousness”

**“Share in suffering as a good soldier of
Christ Jesus” (II Timothy 2:3).**



City Of Ephesus

- 1. Paul Knew The City Well**
- 2. Population $\frac{1}{4}$ To $\frac{1}{2}$ Million**
- 3. Major Banking Center – Affluence**
- 4. Temple Of Artemis – “Vatican Of The Day”**
- 5. “A Perpetual City Of Vice”**

Ephesians 6:10-14





ARMOR OF GOD

EPHESIANS 6:10-18

The Helmet of Salvation
Put on the Helmet of Salvation by believing that Jesus Christ died for your sins and rose again.

The Breastplate of Righteousness
Righteousness is being honest, good, humble, and fair to others. It means standing up for weaker people.

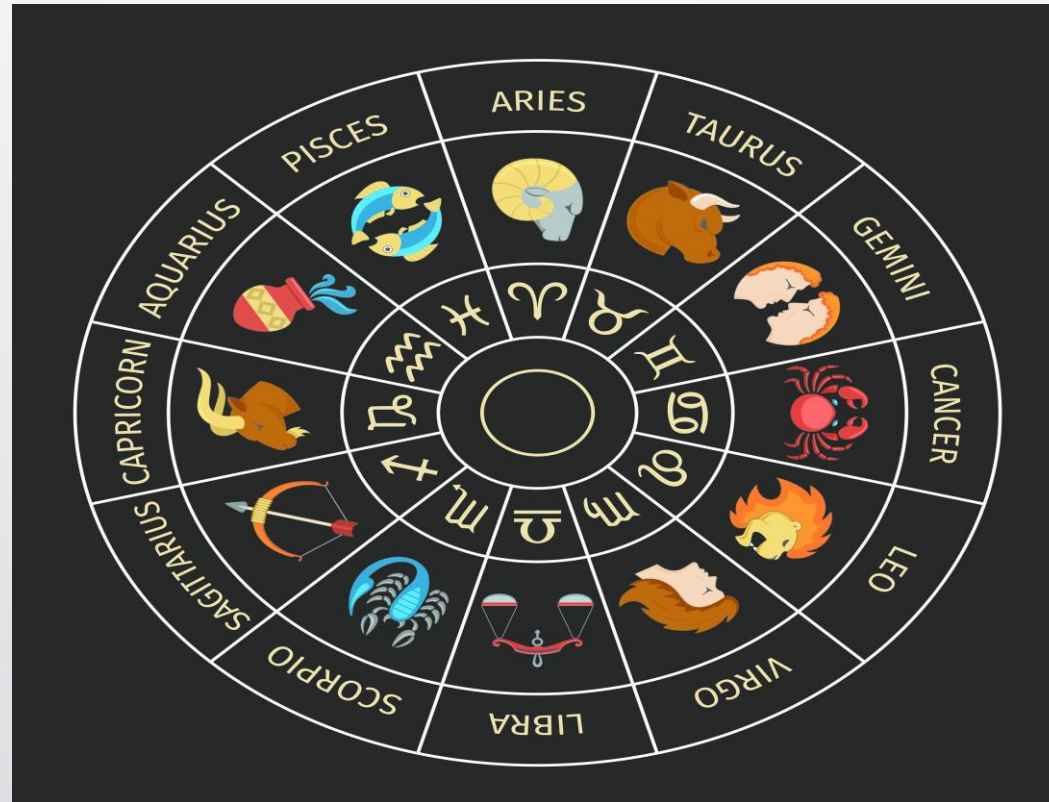
The Shield of Faith
Faith is being sure that God will keep His promises. Faith in God protects you when you are tempted to doubt.

The Belt of Truth
Truth keeps us from giving in to world's beliefs. Compare your beliefs and action to the truth of the Word of God.

Feet Prepared with the Gospel of Peace
The Gospel of Peace is being right with God and being contented in troubled times. Jesus said, peacemakers were blessed.

The Sword of the Spirit
which is the Word of God. God's Word is our offensive weapon. When we tell others about the Bible says, the Holy Spirit helps people see their bad thoughts and actions, and makes them want to be forgiven.

Horoscope





Two Quotes

“A belief system based on the assumption that the stars or planets mysteriously influence the lives of men” (John Ankerberg).

“Whatever hides behind the title of astrology is nothing more than a mixture of superstition, duplicity, and business” (American Astronomical Society).

Tower Of Babel



“Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the earth.”

(Genesis 11:4)



II Kings 23:5

“And he deposed the priests whom the kings of Judah had ordained to make offerings in the high places at the cities of Judah and around Jerusalem; those also who burned incense to Baal, to the sun and the moon and the constellations and all the host of the heavens.”

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We Are To Worship The God Of The Stars Not The Stars!

“Because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen” (Romans 1:25).



I. Our Resources (10-11a)

A. Authority Of God

B. Armor Of God



II. Our Resistance (11b-12)

A. Satanic Foe

B. Spiritual Forces



III. Our Resolve (13-14)

Two Times Told To “Put On”

Two Times Told To “Take Up”

Two Times “Full Armor” Mentioned

Four Times Told “To Stand”



Told Not To Do Two Things

1. **Not Run** (James 4:7)

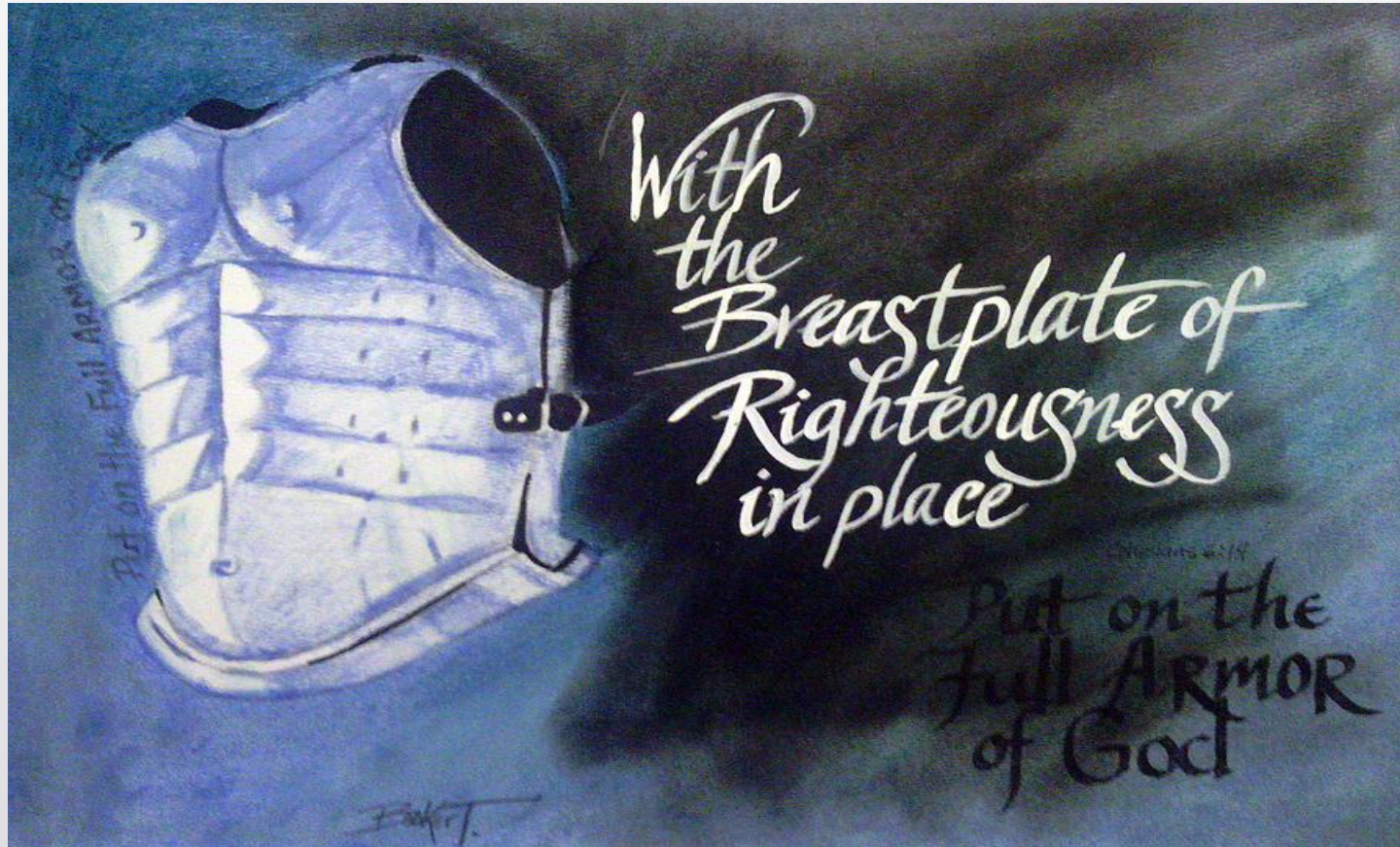
2. **Not Fall** (Matthew 26:41)

Belt Of Truth



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Righteousness Is Both Imputed & Imparted





Comparison

Imputed: Positional – Being – Gets You Enlisted

Imparted: Practical – Doing – Gets You Equipped



“Put On”

Live In Obedience To The Standard Of Conduct

**“Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it
flow the springs of life” (Proverbs 4:23).**



Comparison

Positional: At Salvation
(I Corinthians 1:30)

Practical: Through Sanctification
(Ephesians 4:22-24)



Romans 13:12-14

The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

David's Sin



Sin will take you farther than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay, and cost you more than you want to pay.



1 John 1:9

“If we confess our sins,
he is faithful and just to
forgive us our sins and
to cleanse us from all
unrighteousness”

The believer needs to
stand both in our position
of righteousness in Christ
and our practice of
righteousness in Christ.

Forgiveness





Hebrews 12:15 “Root Of Bitterness”

Bitterness is like drinking poison and waiting for the other person to die.

“Bitterness is the fermentation of anger and unforgiveness” (Eric Mason).



Colossians 3:12-14

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.